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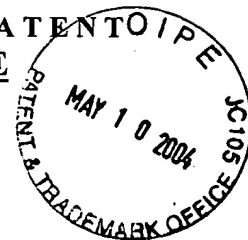
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the items of information listed on the attached PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign patent documents, non-published patent application, and non-patent literature listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is provided.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.


Respectfully submitted,

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